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Lets get this thing settled! Frankly I thought the suit was ridiculous in the first place. My opinion is that the states that brought suit were the ones who had companies within their boundaries that did not have the innovative ability to keep up with Microsoft so they compete by bringing law suits to slow down a company that does. With the economy the way it is this country doesn't need anything else to inhibit it. It is entirely possible that these suits brought by the Justice Department and the states played a big part in creating the recession we are now in. Microsoft has apparently agreed to the proposed settlement (which is unfair to Microsoft anyway) so lets settle it. Consumers have not been hurt by Microsoft's practices but I believe they have been hurt by this law suit.

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